ensuring smooth functioning of our international airports;

(c) whether it is a fact that senior officials of the IAAI are not making periodic and regular inspection visits to the international airports;

(d) whether any user surveys have been conducted by the IAAI during the year 1992-93 to assess the publics' perception of the functioning of our international airports; and

(e) if so, what are the dates of such surveys?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) International terminals are required to have adequate passenger amenities. It it the endeavour of the International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) to ensure that the standard of hygiene and services in general at the airports improves through systamatic inspection and prompt remedial action.

(b) Under the International Airports Authority Act, 1971, IAAI is charged with the responsibility of providing at the airports such services and facilities (excluding the air navigation services) as are necessary or desirable for the efficient operation of air transport services.

(c) No specific case has come to the notice of Government.

(d) and (e) A Passenger Facilitation survey at the new domestoic terminal (Terminal 1A) a Bombay airport was carried out for 10 days from 7.8.1992 to 16.8.1992.

Capital Adequacy Norms for Banks

*288. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the Public Sector Banks to raise their equity base to meet the new capital adequacy norms as stipulated by the RBI;

(b) if so, what are the details of such norms;

(c) whether Government have allowed the banks to raise their equity by issuing equity shares to their employees and place in primary capital markets for public issue;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have directed the leading financial institutions to subscribe to the equity capital of banks to meet the capital adequacy norms; and

(e) whether Government have made any assessment of effect of such directives on the finances of the financial institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (c) Government have decided that the State Bank of India as well as other nationalised banks which are in a position to do so will be allowed to access the capital market to raise fresh equity to meet their shortfall in capital requirements over the next 3 years.

(b) As per the norms prescribed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Indian banks which have branches abroad are required to achieve a capital to risk assets ratio of 8 percent by 31.3.1994. Other banks excluding foreign banks are required to achieve the norm of 4 per cent by 31.3.1993 and 8 per cent by 31.3.1996. Foreign banks operating in India are required to achieve the norm of 8 per cent by 31.3.1993.

(d) no, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.